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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixtieth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/316 entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year, the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and also submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary of the Assembly at its sixty-first session. The programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee, have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixtieth session. The detail of the draft programmes is available in the respective decisions as follows: First Committee (decision 60/521 of 8 December 2005); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 60/526 of 5 December 2005); Second Committee (decision 60/549 of 22 December 2005); Third Committee (decision 60/537 of 16 December 2005); and Sixth Committee (decision 60/513 of 8 December 2005).[1]

4. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

[1] Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is not available as the Fifth Committee only concluded its work in July 2006.

Draft programme of work of the plenary[2] of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session

First week (12-15 September)

Tuesday	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][3]
a.m.	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
	Meeting of the General Committee
Wednesday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items:
Evening	First report of the General Committee [7]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday and Friday, a.m. and p.m.	High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development [54 (b)]

Second week (18-22 September)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday and Tuesday (9-10 a.m.)	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [55 (a)]
Tuesday (11 a.m.) to Friday	General Debate [8][4]

[2] The preliminary programme of work is prepared based on 13 weeks of work for the main part of the session, taking into account the fixed dates for the observance of United Nations Day, two official United Nations holidays and the scheduling of some items, owing either to long-time practice and/or General Assembly mandate. The weeks are counted based on the opening date of the sixty-first session on Tuesday, 12 September 2006 (see A/INF/61/1), and the date of recess on Tuesday, 12 December 2006.

[3] Agenda items and their numbers cited herein are from the provisional list of items for the sixty-first session (A/61/150). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for inclusion on the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the provisional list are not contained in the draft programme, either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions or so that they may be scheduled at a later date.

[4] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Third week (25-29 September)	
Monday to Friday	General Debate [8]
Fourth week (2-6 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [99]
Thursday	
Fifth week (9-13 October)	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [70]; report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [71]: **joint debate**
	2. Report of the International Criminal Court [72]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; development of Africa]
Thursday	2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [47]; New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [61 (a) and (b)]: **joint debate**
Sixth week (16-20 October)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [100 (a)]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations

Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (resolution 59/213 of 20 December 2004) [105 (a)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (resolution 59/3 of 22 October 2004 [105 (b)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (resolution 59/5 of 22 October 2004) [105 (c)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 59/259 of 23 December 2004) [105 (d)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community (resolution 59/138 of 10 December 2004) [105 (e)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (resolution 59/21 of 8 November 2004) [105 (f)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (resolution 59/139 of 10 December 2004) [105 (g)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States (resolution 59/310 of 14 July 2005) [105 (h)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 59/4 of 22 October 2004) [105 (i)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie (resolution 59/22 of 8 November 2004) [105 (j)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (resolution 59/19 of 8 November 2004) [105 (k)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (resolution 59/258 of 23 December 2004) [105 (l)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (resolution 59/9 of 22 October 2004) [105 (m)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (resolution 59/7 of 22 October 2004) [105 (n)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001) [105 (o)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (resolution 59/257 of 23 December 2004) [105 (p)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (resolution 59/8 of 22 October 2004) [105 (q)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum (resolution 59/20 of 8 November 2004) [105 (r)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (resolution 59/6 of 22 October 2004) [105 (s)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (resolution 59/140 of 15 December 2004) [105 (t)]:
joint debate

Sixth week (16-20 October)	
Monday	
Thursday	
Seventh week (23-27 October)	
Monday	
Tuesday	***Official United Nations holiday*** *(Eid Al-Fitr)*
Wednesday	United Nations Day Concert
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday, p.m.	Report of the International Court of Justice [68]
Eighth week (30 October-3 November)	
	[Disarmament]
Monday	Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [78]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [100 (b)]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Friday	1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [41]
	2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [42]
	3. Culture of peace [43]
	4. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [44]
	5. Sport for peace and development [48]
Ninth week (6-10 November)	
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday	1. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [18]
	2. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [10]
	3. Prevention of armed conflict [11]

	4. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [15]
	5. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [17]
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters; maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday	1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [98]
	2. Report of the Security Council [9]; question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [108]: **joint debate**
Tenth week (13-17 November)	
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Monday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [67 (a)] and assistance to the Palestinian people [67 (d)]: **joint debate**
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [102 (a)]
	2. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [102 (b)]
	3. Election of the members of the International Law Commission [102 (c)]
	4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [103 (f)]
	5. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [103 (g)]
	6. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [103 (h)]
	7. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [106]
	8. Multilingualism [111]

Eleventh week (20-24 November)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [46]; revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [107]; strengthening of the United Nations system [109]; follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [110]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [148]: **joint debate**
	2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [110], specific meeting focused on development
Thursday	***Official United Nations holiday*** *(Thanksgiving Day)*

Twelfth week (27 November-1 December)

	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Monday	The situation in Afghanistan [16]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Wednesday, p.m. and Thursday and Friday	1. Question of Palestine [14]
	2. The situation in the Middle East [13]

Thirteenth week (4-8 December)

Monday	
	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Thursday	Oceans and the law of the sea [69 (a)]; sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and related instruments [69 (b)]: **joint debate**
Monday	
Tuesday	(12 December — end of 13 weeks)